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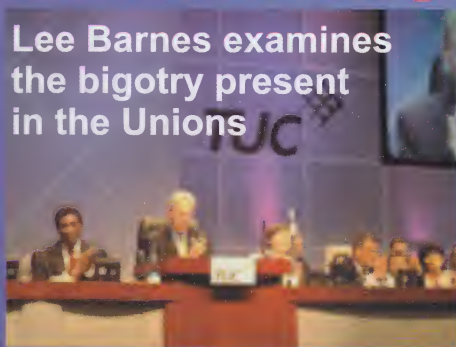
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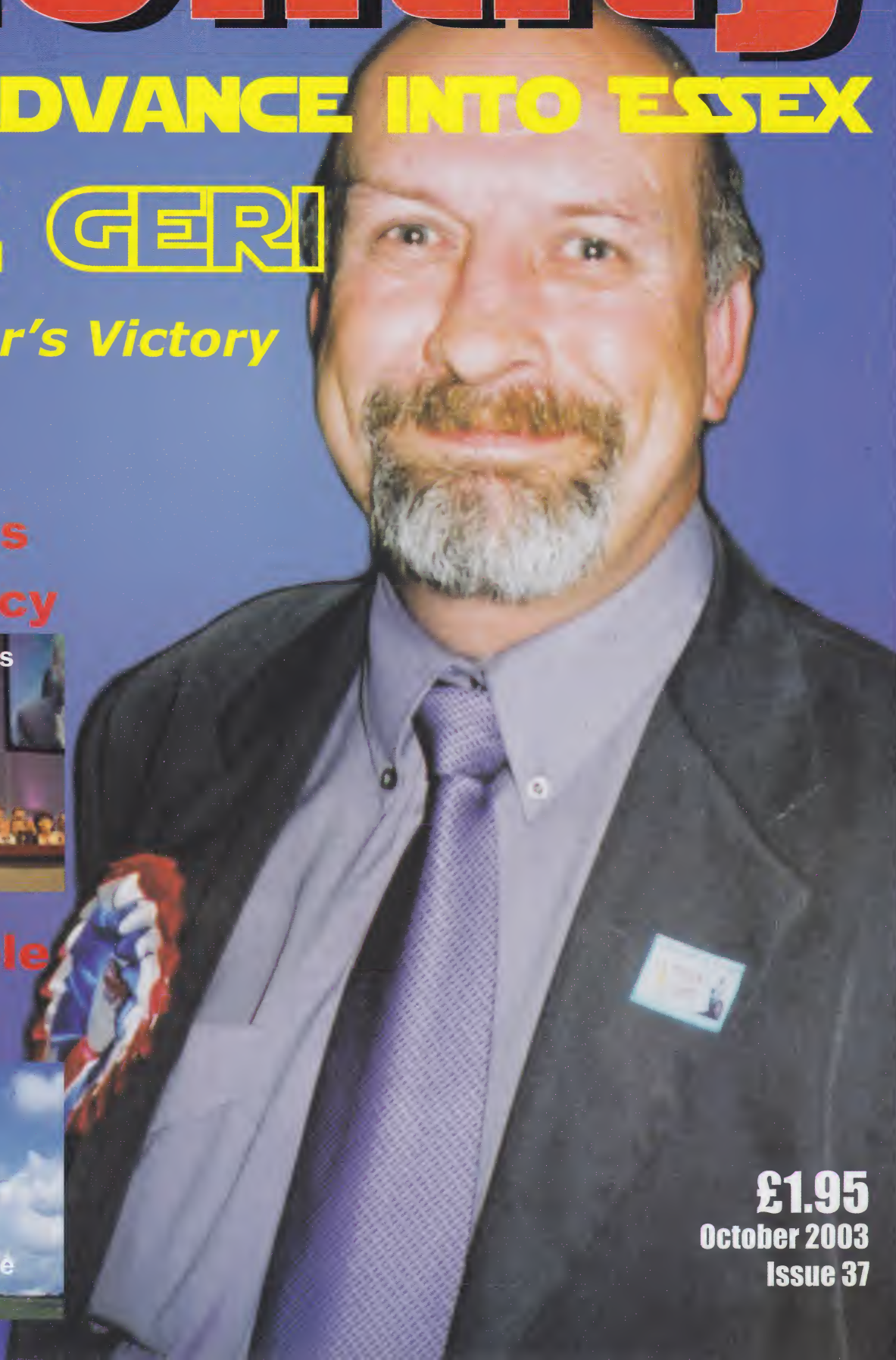
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October's News

■ SADDAM WOULD NOT HAVE ATTACKED US



Whether or not the Government wished to F*** the BBC (to use Alastair Campbell's quaint terminology), or the BBC wished to F*** the Government (as well as the BNP), is only a secondary issue to surface in the Hutton Inquiry on the death of Dr Kelly. The most important revelation is that the September dossier that made the case for war against Iraq was strengthened by a lie at the last moment following a request from Downing Street. This was to remove the original qualification that Saddam Hussain would not attack us and would only use chemical and biological weapons if he was attacked. Additionally, now even the CIA has admitted that Saddam did not possess any weapons of mass destruction

This again justifies the stand made by the BNP that Saddam was no direct threat to British interests and that to attack him was not worth the life of one British serviceman. In the event more than 50 British lives have been lost, as well as 250 US servicemen, and the only people to gain anything out of the action is Israel. The Iraqis are still waiting to see all the benefits that they were told would come with their "freedom".

■ MIGRANTS UK PASSPORTS HIT PEAK

More than 120,000 immigrants were granted British citizenship last year, three times the number in the year before Labour came to power. This reflects how immigration is at

unprecedented levels. In the five years between 1998 and 2002, more than 400,000 foreigners were granted citizenship and no doubt 95 per cent are ready to vote Labour or Lib-Dem. Three-quarters were from Africa or Asia and 15 per cent from Europe. More than half were under 34.

On top of these figures, says this latest Home Office report, more than 115,000 people were allowed to settle permanently in 2002. Around half were joining relatives already in the country and another quarter were asylum seekers.

No wonder Home Secretary David Blunkett said "I have't a clue" when asked how many asylum seekers/illegal immigrants there were in the country. A former highly placed Immigration Officer said "it was over a million". And that is probably an underestimate.

■ FAMILY CASH AIDING GAYS



Taxpayers' money intended to bolster marriage is being diverted to groups with little or no interest in conventional relationships, says the think-tank Civitas. Grants intended to strengthen marriage, along lines set out in the 1998 Government document *Supporting Families*, are being given to organisations such as the Lesbian and Gay Foundation. It received £48,000 last year and offers services such as an "inner enigma self-help group for pre and post-operative transsexuals" and "Icebreakers", which helps people cope with the stress

of "coming out".

A £46,000 grant also went to Pace (the Project of Advocacy, Counselling and Education), which counsels lesbians on issues such as HIV and depression

■ ANGER OVER INDIANS' WORK PERMITS

The Home Office has appointed an Indian trade body to a panel that advises officials on Britain's work permit policy. The move has angered IT specialists who believe companies are taking advantage of lax visa rules to bring in cheap labour from overseas, especially India.

The India Business Group, which is supported by the Indian High Commission, will represent Indian software suppliers on the Government's IT sector skills panel. This plays an influential role in deciding what types of IT jobs qualify for work permits. The Home Office went ahead with the appointment despite objections from existing panel members, who felt the purpose of a work permit policy was to reflect the interests of the home country.

The national organiser of the Amicus Union, Peter Skyte, said: "We are not opposed to having a strong employer input to the panel but it should be through organisations representing industry sectors in the UK. By definition, the India Business Group can only represent the interests of Indian companies."

Well said! Amicus should spend more time on such issues and less on witch-hunting BNP trade union members.

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The Lesson From Brent East - BNP Must Expose the Lib Dems

Most of the media, with the exception of the Telegraph, either ignored or minimised the fact that the electorate in Brent East that returned a Liberal Democrat MP last month is less than 45 per cent white. Therefore, the comparisons that were made of the 1992 Tory vote of 36.6 per cent with last month's 16.2 were completely pointless as they ignored the substantial white flight factor.

Twenty-eight per cent of the Brent electorate is Asian, 20 per cent black, and the rest Chinese "mixed" or "other". Of the Asians, around 6,000 are Muslims (11 per cent of the total electorate) and of those who voted, the majority gave their tick to the Lib Dem candidate because of its anti-Iraq war stance. With a 36 per cent total turnout, it is safe to assume that the Lib Dem picked up at least 2,000 Muslim votes to give her a 1100 vote lead over Labour.

This is not just supposition. On the Monday before polling day the Muslim Association of Britain publicly nominated the Lib Dem candidate as "the best choice for Muslims" because of her anti-war stance. Another group, the Muslim Public Affairs Committee, put activists into the constituency, contacting people by phone, in person, to ensure the defeat of the supposedly pro-war Labour candidate. Following the Lib Dem's victory the MPAC put up on its website: "MPAC made history in the UK as the first ever candidate was defeated by a Muslim bloc vote. The ummah (believers) had taken up a political jihad and delivered a bloody nose to the Government that attacked Iraq"

The Lib Dem success was not just a result of its "all things to all men (and women)" tactics. It has been picking up ethnic minority votes from Labour for some time. Also, the number of ethnic, particularly Asian, Lib Dem Councillors is quite noticeable, as is their presence in TV coverage of conferences. This is all the reward for its opposition to immigration controls and constant campaigning for the "human rights" of asylum seekers. Of course, as BNP activists know, such is their duplicity that they will go quiet about this in areas where immigration and/or asylum seekers are a major source of discontent.

In election campaigns we must draw the voters attention to this duplicity. The reason is that probably at least one third of white votes going to the Lib Dems are from people who should really be voting BNP. Although not being over interested in politics, they do have some independence of mind. They can see the mess that years of Labour-Tory rule have bequeathed us, not least as a result of mass immigration, and vote for what they think is the only viable alternative, Liberal Democrat.

With next year's European elections coming up we must also emphasise that the Lib Dems are even more pro-Federal Europe than Labour. We must show that anybody can promise to increase money for schools, the NHS, and reducing Council Taxes by the simple expedient of increasing taxes. We must show the voter that the Lib Dems, now the major party of the Left, are a patchwork quilt of no true policy no hopers.

If we are to pick up former Lib Dem votes, or in fact any votes, at next June's European Elections we must have money to present our case in attractive election addresses. If we can do that, we can expect

to have at least one voice in the European Parliament - and the money that goes with it. It is an opportunity that may not present itself again. Of our target of £200,000 that is needed it is disappointing to see that so far only £12,000 has been

raised. It is no good saying "I will leave it 'til after Xmas and then send a cheque". For the large print order we will have to place, printers need their money up front. As before, the BNP can count on us pensioners and next pension day I will send in my £50. How about you younger people? You have got to face the present problems much longer than we have! YOU can change it.

Nonsense from the Observer

Amelia Hill, writing in The Observer, September 21st, acknowledged that the BNP is now attracting more female support than any "Far Right" movement past or present.

Comments were given, without undue distortion, from our dynamic North West Organiser, Bev Jones; Jackie Griffin, the BNP Chairman's wife; and Wendy Edwards of Nottingham. However, your Editor became the object of typical 'Guardianista' left wing distortion, on 'mis'information Amelia admitted to being given by the Searchlight Organisation, and I was accused of writing "a rant against the evils of feminism" in September's Identity.

She stated that I had "expressed disgust" at the comments made at a Preston by Jackie Griffin on the need for women to play a more active part in the BNP. As I have pointed out in a letter to The Observer, although we have never discussed the issue, I fully support her views and all those of post-feminist standpoint who are now joining the BNP.

The Observer article also stated that I was "an active member of the British Union of Fascists during the Holocaust". The BUF was disbanded in 1940, when I was twelve.

Furthermore, as I pointed out in my letter, as a volunteer at 17 for RAF Aircrew Reserve in March 1945 (but not old enough to see action) I find her attempt to link me with the holocaust most offensive. Do I hear the sound of money changing hands in the law courts?



John Bean
Editor

Now we are playing in the Big League

NICK GRIFFIN sees an opportunity to flex our political muscles

"The Labour party is the real enemy, it is therefore essential for us to do everything we can to destroy the Tory party."

B RITISH NATIONAL PARTY old hands will not be that surprised by the statement above, but it may cause some puzzlement among newer recruits. Those who have only recently 'jumped ship' from the Conservatives to us will be particularly eager for an explanation.

The truth of the first part of the opening sentence is surely self-evident. It is the Labour party which is imposing an ultra-left political and social virtual coup d'état on us, demolishing our institutions, handing the last remnants of our tattered sovereignty over to Brussels, killing off the primary and manufacturing industries on which our economic independence ultimately rests, and swamping our towns, cities and ballot boxes with unprecedented waves of immigration.

In much of this, of course, Blair & Co are only finishing what earlier Governments – Tory ones included – began, but by taking so many liberal trends to their extreme conclusion, Tony's crew have come to typify everything which is warped, evil and destructive in the British Establishment. So why then should we focus on the political demolition of the Conservative party?

Roadblock

Because, while a credible and careful nationalist party can take many white working class votes from Labour, that party's remaining ragbag coalition – class war bigots, ethnic and sexual minorities, and the plain stupid – still delivers a substantial block vote. While so many of those who are disillusioned with the mess the old parties have made of our country stay at home on polling day, this shrunken but now hardcore Labour base will continue to produce the biggest single block vote in British politics – and none of it will ever be available to the BNP.

For generations, the Conservative party has provided the counter-balance to the Labour block. And, as Trevor Phillips, the unelected head at the top of the totalitarian and anti-British Commission for Racial Equality, said recently, a strong Tory party has long been the chief obstacle in the

way of efforts to build a strong nationalist challenge to the old order in British politics. By providing the voters with a perceived 'patriotic' and commonsense alternative to Labour's internationalist and egalitarian dogmas, the Tories siphoned off popular opposition to such destructive folly into their own ineffectual safety valve.

Even worse, the Conservatives' image as a 'right-wing' party allowed a succession of most assuredly non-right wing leaders – ranging from the rabid internationalists Macmillan and Heath through to the confused classical liberal Margaret Thatcher – to pose as patriots while doing their own not insubstantial bits towards the destruction of Britain and the British.

The issue of Europe is a classic case in point. However much the right-wing Tory grass roots now rail against Tony Blair's coming acceptance of the federal European constitution, they know in their heart of hearts that the forcing of this project on us was begun by their Harold Macmillan, turned into a reality by their Edward Heath when he signed the Treaty of Rome, given a huge shove forwards by their Margaret Thatcher when she signed up to the Single European Act, and made virtually irresistible by their John Major when he signed the Maastricht Treaty.

Tory betrayal

The Tories' shocking record on Europe and on first opening the asylum floodgates are just two of the betrayals which not only make it only right that we seek to punish them for their treason, but which are also key contributory factors in the decline that makes them much easier targets than even New Labour. Quite simply, the Conservative party is dying. Its membership is declining, ageing and alienated from the leadership, and its traditional voters are abandoning it in droves.

Meanwhile, both reflecting and compounding the problems at the grass roots, their national 'leadership' has now spent a decade exhibiting a dire loss of direction and nerve. With their shrunken activist base leaving them unable to get their own message across to the electorate, the bosses of what was once the most effective political machine in the Western world are now reliant on the broadcast media to project their presence to the public. As a result, they are scared to take up any strong position on any subject lest the media pick holes in what they have to say and find fresh material with which to portray the party as 'nasty'. The Conservative party is literally scared of its own shadow.

The utter surrender of the Conservatives to Political Correctness has been well illustrated by two classic examples in recent weeks. First we had the unedifying spectacle of Shadow Home Secretary Oliver Letwin sweating profusely after donning a bright orange turban at a gathering of Sikhs in a pathetic effort to show 'respect' – i.e. to snatch a few votes off the far more effective 'minority'-grovellers in Labour and the LibDems.

Freedom

Now the BNP readily admits to a degree of admiration for the martial valour and the deeply ingrained loyalty to Britain shown by many Sikhs for more than a hundred years. Regular readers will know of our close co-operation with several individual Sikhs in researching and publicising the dangerously extreme and fundamentally undemocratic nature of Islamism. A long-standing Sikh activist often writes a column in our newspaper Freedom. The Tories do not have a monopoly on respect for the Sikhs.

But having a reptilian liberal Tory like Letwin wear a turban doesn't show respect and, even if it did, it would be the wrong way to show it. It was a patronising stunt which, like Mr. Hague's equally ridiculous



baseball cap at the Notting Hill 'Carnival', probably offended members of the ethnic minorities almost as much as it did the Tory grass-roots. More important, the traditional British way of showing respect is to remove one's traditional British headgear, not make a show of putting on a head covering which no indigenous Briton – or descendent of East European asylum seekers – has any right to wear. Letwin should have turned up in a hat, then taken it off and held it in his hand, making the point that this is our most visible way of showing respect. Bluntly, if people don't understand or like our ways, they don't have to stay in our country.

The second Tory stunt was having Trevor Phillips – the overpaid parasite who heads the institutionally racist Commission for Racial Equality – address their Blackpool conference. The unelected immigrant who heads this latter-day, 75% Black, Inquisition, lectured the Conservatives about their duty to put up a harder fight against the BNP – thereby unwittingly further weakening the will of another few thousand decent but elderly Tories to do so!

Crumbling

While it is clear, therefore, that the Conservative party has for decades stood between a new patriotic party and the votes and active support of the middle class, it is now obvious that this block on our path to power is crumbling before our eyes. Equally clearly, it is essential for us to look for opportunities to speed up this process of Tory collapse. We don't have the time to be mere spectators if we can get involved and help.

In several small ways – such as our deliberate interference in the last Conservative leadership election – we have already made our presence felt. We calculated in advance that, were Ken Clarke to win, he would have to take a sharp step to the political right in order to keep his party united, while if Duncan Smith won he would have to move equally sharply to the left for the same reason, leaving large numbers of decent right-wing Tories feeling betrayed and so dropping out or at least sitting on their hands. BNP involvement – most publicly the "Edgar Griffin as IDS campaigner" sting – not only helped to ensure this, but also boosted our media profile into the bargain.

But such operations have so far been very minor affairs, a matter of exploiting the Tory party's own internal contradictions rather than setting out to damage them in a straight political fight. This, however, is something that is at last becoming a realistic opportunity.

Decapitation

Immediately after their parliamentary by-election victory in Brent East, the Liberal Democrats announced their plan to 'decapitate' the Tory party at the next General Election by targeting the Blue Washouts' Shadow Cabinet MPs. With a swing just half of what they achieved in Brent, the LibDems would not only hold all their own marginals and thereby block any possibility of a Conservative revival, they would also unseat 13 out of the 16 members of Duncan Smith's Shadow Cabinet. This is not just a matter of numbers. The removal from parliament of experienced campaigners and even potential leadership contenders such as Michael Howard, David Davis, Liam Fox and Michael Ancram would leave a post-defeat Tory party with a desperate shortage of political gravitas. The party could live with being hated, but it would be utterly demoralised to find that it has become a joke.

But apart from the fact that such a big swing is not particularly likely, the LibDem plan has one other flaw: Top Tory MPs in vulnerable seats have only to make a special show in their own local campaigns of being particularly 'moderate', pink-rinsed, cuddly-fluffy New Conservatives to close the political gap between them and the LibDems, safe in the knowledge that however disgusting this might be to their right-wing voters, the latter would have nowhere else to go and so would still vote Conservative.

Wrong! If each of these Tory high-fliers suddenly finds that rather than facing just an opponent to their left they also have one who – on key issues such as asylum and crime and punishment is to their right – the resulting pincer movement will lead to them losing votes on both sides. Move to the right and they lose votes to the LibDems; move to the left and they lose votes to us. All of a sudden a total anti-Tory swing in such seats of 15% doesn't look so unlikely. With a maximum Tory majority

of about 5,000 in 13 of IDS's Shadow Cabinet seats, the intervention of BNP candidates making a particular appeal to traditional Tory voters could easily be decisive.

Tory Also-Rans

This strategy isn't yet set in stone. The General Election could well still be two years away, and two years is a very long time in politics. But remembering how it is our biggest roadblock, the possibility of playing a decisive role in reducing the Conservative party from being the Official Opposition to third placed Also-Rans is a very attractive bit of *realpolitik*. Michael Howard's seat in asylum-swamped Folkestone, for example, would present BNP campaigners with a really worthwhile challenge, while unseating Theresa May would be sweet revenge for her repeated though not always successful efforts to push local Tory organisations to field no-hope candidates in places like Burnley and Halifax in order to split the anti-Labour vote and stop us winning council seats. Two can play at games like that, Theresa!



Oliver Letwin currying favour for Indian votes with his 'It Ain't Arf 'Ot Mum' impersonation.

Then there's Oliver Letwin himself. Just how satisfying would it be to help unseat this particularly revolting specimen? There again, however, it might be in our longer-term interest to leave him alone and hope that he would become Tory leader when the knives went into Dunkers the Defeated. A picture tells a thousand words; even if a newly chosen Mr. Letwin promptly started making headline noises on asylum and the like, voters would only have to be shown that "It Ain't Arf 'Ot Mum" photograph and they'd know that he's a phoney. So it's easy to see how, for the first time in the entire history of British nationalism, today's BNP is moving rapidly into a position where we can be a key player in bringing about a fundamental and historic redrawing of the political map.

Replace

Only one thing more needs to be said for now: That our job is to replace the Conservative party, not to become a 21st Century version of it. Ridiculous though this latter suggestion might at first appear, in the event of the effective disintegration of the Tory party, huge numbers of Tories would come looking for a new political home.

This will be wonderful if they come to us suitably chastened, with a hard-won understanding not just of the essential futility of conservatism when faced by a revolutionary opponent like the liberal-left PC consensus, but also that their old class war attitudes and newer addiction to free trade must be left behind in the sinking Tory ship. But it is too much to expect that to happen on its own accord. It is far more likely that many Tory recruits will remain Tories – unless we put a considerable amount of effort and money into turning them into Nationalists, for the two philosophies are in fact far more different than the patriotic middle classes can conceive.

This is not a danger to which we have only just awoken. The series of educational audio CDs, and the greater attention that the party has paid to developing more radical economic and social policies (principally, so far, through the pages of *Identity*) are the two most obvious examples



Are the Tories waving good-bye to their role as official opposition?

of steps we have already taken to head the problem off at the pass. But much more needs to be done, and it is hoped that regional Candidate Education & Training clubs will make further progress in filling the void left by a lack of ideological development in the past.

Point scoring

There have been a few who - usually in order to score political points, but sometimes out of a genuine understanding of the danger outlined above - have claimed that our more moderately worded approach on race and immigration is a sign that the BNP "is going Tory." Ironically, by elevating the race issue as the only touchstone of true nationalism, they are actually falling into the Tory trap themselves. Suppose, just for a moment, that the threat of electoral oblivion forced the multi-culti New Conservatives to do a massive U-turn, and become the anti-immigration party that many people used to think they were. Suppose they adopted the old Monday Club policy and really did "ship 'em all back." Would everything then be alright? Would our Nationalism then be surplus to requirements?

Of course not! Not while British soldiers are being sent to die in wars for Israel and US oil companies. Not while one-in-four of our children live below the poverty line. Not while British jobs and capital are being sucked overseas while our industries and communities die. Not while the likes of Mr. Sainsbury are allowed to drive farmers and independent shopkeepers out of business and pollute our environment with GM crops. Not while an over mighty State gobbles up ever increasing amounts of tax while fastening Big Brother's electronic shackles on a people whose ancestors fought and died for their personal and political freedom. Not while the profits of multi-national conglomerates and Stock Exchange parasites are put before the health of our land and of our future generations.

More things

Make no mistake! Our coming Nationalist revolution would be needed even if there was not one non-white in Britain, because although ethnic identity is an essential ingredient of true nationalism, true nationalism is about many more things than race.

It's also about Social Justice and unleashing the power of individual and family ambition by a massive widening in personal ownership of our farms and industries. It's about rescuing National Sovereignty from Wall Street as well as Brussels. It's about undoing fifty years of anti-human urban development and making the architecture of our towns and cities recognisably British once again.

Nationalism is also about building a society which strives to work in harmony with Nature - including human nature - rather than regarding Man as being beyond the laws that bind the rest of Creation. It's about giving young people a stake in the future, eliminating the boredom and aimlessness that leads so many to crime, and then getting tough with those who insist on remaining anti-social. It's about halting the drift to an 'American' anti-culture based on products and attitudes promoted for profit by giant corporations, and reviving and reinvigorating the native cultures of our islands instead. And it's about a free people taking responsibility for their own lives and rejecting the strangling embrace of a mentality that would reintroduce slavery under the guise

of protecting us from either criminals or ourselves.

These are the things that set apart our Nationalist future from the Tory past. Former Conservatives who come to share our vision are both welcome and badly needed. Those who find them too 'radical' or who think that stopping the asylum flood is the only thing we need to achieve should stay where they are and go down with their ship. Breaking the Tory party must not involve our losing sight of our nationalist ideals, though it will bring the day closer when we can turn them into reality.

And a word on the LibDems

As outlined in these pages, the chief short-term beneficiaries of the decline of the Tories are likely to be the Liberal Democrats. Our plans to aid the advance of this unpleasant collection of careerist, paedophiles and anti-British extremists may be somewhat unpalatable, but for the reasons already covered it's a price worth paying in order to break the old Tory stranglehold on the patriotic middle class vote.

The other thing to bear in mind with regards to the Lib-Dems is that, while they may well be able to mobilise a huge short-term protest vote from both ex-Labour and former Conservative voters, such a protest vote would not survive their first term in office. We have already seen this in cities such as Oldham and Sheffield, where Lib-Dem administrations have been put in power by voters disgusted with the incompetence and anti-British bias of the Labour party, only to be turfed out again once the electorate find they've jumped from the Labour frying pan into a Lib-Dem firestorm of high taxes, collapsing services and preferential treatment for 'minorities'.

Anyone who worries that the Lib-Dems might block our progress by providing a real alternative to the likes of Blair needs look no further than the ridiculous scenes at their conference. Just two days after humiliating both the Government and the Conservatives in Brent East, Lib-Dems queued up at their conference to parade their most extreme stupidity in front of the national media.

Refuse to jail burglars; abolish the Monarchy; legalise paedophilia by further lowering the Age of Consent; increase income tax; teach children of seven about homosexuality, give those same children lessons in putting on condoms while ban them from having pet rabbits or goldfish! All this and much, much more, spilled out in front of astonished journalists as Lib-Dem true believers - intoxicated by their first real electoral success in four years - let it all hang out.

It was a staggering display of political stupidity. One would think that any group of political activists who seriously want to gain power would examine very carefully their core beliefs and check that they are capable of being presented to the electorate in a way which will ensure that the voters are prepared to give them a chance of being put into practice.

One would think that any serious political activists would be mature enough to avoid self-indulgent posturing - putting their effort into getting into a position to make things happen rather than massaging their own consciences by making a counter-productive display of 'hardline' rhetoric which can only keep them on the powerless sidelines. Surely they must have worked out by now that there are a number of things on the Lib-Dems' wish-list that are so extreme by the standards of the vast majority of ordinary voters that their only chance of taking power is to shut up about them completely?

The more genuinely subversive and dangerous ones, including Charles Kennedy, appear to have taken this need for camouflage on board; but so many of his colleagues - including senior MPs such as Simon Hughes - are clearly incapable of such elementary self-discipline. So while the party can win by-elections, it will not be entrusted with Governmental power by the British electorate. And even if some elements of the party do grow up, the fatal flaw is likely to be the way in which their overtly 'hardline' colleagues will perpetually trip them up by speaking, whether in public or in private, without first engaging their brains.

Even more suicidal, some will play to their own internal gallery by shouting about "upholding the fundamentals of liberalism" when what they actually mean is "I want my five minutes of crowing on the top of our small but perfectly formed liberal dungheap". As long as we keep on developing our ability to match their work rate and technical skill in the elections we need to win, we have nothing to fear from the careless extremists of the Liberal Democrats.

When bigotry becomes Trade Union Policy

Lee Barnes, an advisor on the BNP legal Affairs unit, comments on a new Trade Union guidance booklet from Amicus-MSF

A VERY INTERESTING document recently arrived anonymously through the post. It was an internal shop stewards guidance booklet from the Amicus trade union entitled 'Practical guidance for Trade Union members and representatives on the British National Party and other racist organisations'.

It was sent to the legal department of the BNP by a disgusted senior member of Amicus. It states that this was a briefing document prepared by the Legal Department of Amicus-MSF section of the Amicus Trade Union. It was the nearest thing to a declaration of war against the BNP and the indigenous people that I have ever seen.

It begins with the usual far-left lunatic rant about how the growing danger of the BNP becoming popular with the people in a democratic society is a terrible thing and how this fearful appearance of democracy must be stifled by the self-appointed Marxist-Leninist 'Peoples Vanguard' of the trade unions. It then goes on to mention the recent victory at the Employment Tribunal of Jay Lee, a train driver thrown out of the ASLEF union for being in the BNP and how his victory against the ASLEF bigots has caused shock waves amongst the leftists that run the trade unions.

It goes on to state under the 'MSF section – Members and Political Parties' part of the booklet that: "As mentioned above, if a member of the union is a member of the BNP or any other political party, under current legislation the union cannot expel the individual merely for being a member of the BNP or a political party." This is a clear admission that BNP members' rights are protected under British and European Laws, yet the union then goes on to consider how it could try and remove individuals from the trade union by avoiding the law itself.

Though the reasons it advances are fundamentally flawed, and would lead inevitable to a challenge in the Employment Tribunal by the BNP Legal Department as to the legal validity of any expulsion from a trade union, it is the fact that unions are willing to try and break the law in pursuit of ideological and political reasons that should alarm us. Rather than concentrating on fighting for the rights of union members and improving workers conditions, trade unions seem to be more interested in following an over political agenda even if it conflicts with the law and the interests of the membership as a whole.

Cloaking such illegality under the aegis of morality is just another short cut to tyranny. As the English poet William Blake said: "The road to hell is paved with good intentions". Just as the path to the Gulag Archipeligo commenced in the cesspit of Social Democratic political and moral cant, we can see a similar scenario occurring before us.

Roger Lyons: Amicus boss and Tony Blair's favourite union leader.



TUC: Embarking on the path to the Gulag Archipeligo.

The most interesting part of the document though relates to the section on page. This is under the section on page 5 entitled "Protection of Vulnerable User Groups". It states:

"Public bodies which have adopted the Race Equality Scheme will have to show that their scheme stands up to statutory scrutiny in that it fulfils its objective of promoting race equality and good race relations. It is worth bearing in mind that this is a two-way street and that the service provider must have regard to all the sections of the community. Again, it will be necessary to ensure that no legitimate argument can be levelled against the service provider that a white individual or family has been denied a facility or service unjustly. To do so, would create valuable campaign fodder for the BNP and other similar organisations."

So here we have a clear statement on the principles of the Trade Union in relation to rights of white British families and individuals. Rather than defending the rights of all individuals on the basis of need, the union are only concerned with the way the BNP may be able to gain political capital from any examples of clear anti-white bias in the way a service provider makes its services available to the community.

Rather than on principle attacking any examples of discrimination that hurt the rights of white British families as well as immigrants, such examples of abuses of the rights of white citizens should only be addressed if otherwise it may give the BNP a political advantage. The sooner the fee paying members of the trade unions wake up to the menace amongst them the better.

This is a sad degeneration of the role of a trade union in this country. Rather than actively embracing the principle of anti-discrimination in relation to all citizens, it will adopt the principle solely as it means that any potential support for the BNP would be defused before it occurs.

From, the bravery of the Tolpuddle Martyrs to the tyranny of the intellectual pygmies of today, how far has the once might trade union movement fallen.

One wonders what the rights of white British citizens would be if the BNP were not in existence. If we were not here to ensure that the rights of white Britons were being respected by the bigots that run Britain, then it would appear that the plan to disenfranchise white British citizens would be far more advanced than it is today.

BRIAN GALLOWAY, who heads the British National Party's MEP list for the South East of England warns . . .

The Pension Time Bomb Will Blast Europe Apart!

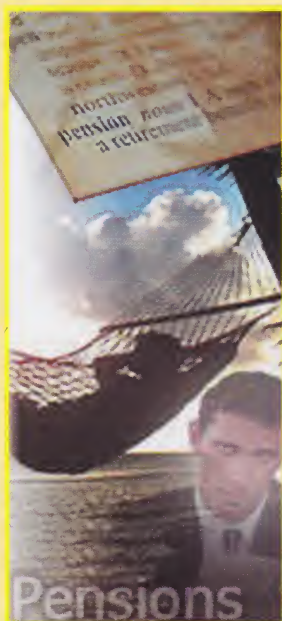
THIS WEAPON OF mass destruction definitely does exist and cannot be hidden for long – it's ticking away. Tony and his EU cronies just hope it will not explode before Britain is finally tricked into surrendering its sovereignty to Brussels.

The total EU pension under-funding should almost certainly have been one of Gordon Brown's Euro entry tests. For British taxpayers will be burdened with funding a large percentage of this vast pension shortfall for many generations to come.

This would, of course, have been the final nail in the Euro coffin, as far as Britain is concerned. It would also have meant Gordon admitting that all our taxes will be going up and up. Something a chancellor, especially one hoping to be the next PM, would never do. With our current liberal open EU border system, impotent (soon to be redundant) governments have absolutely no idea who or exactly how many foreigners are in their respective countries at any one time. Accurate figures on either populations or pension shortfalls are therefore rather difficult to arrive at.

Britain, with a population of approximately 60 million has, through private or company schemes, made more provision for its pensions than all of the other 14 EU countries put together. On the surface that appears rather good for us. However, there is no room for complacency.

A few weeks ago actuaries Lane Clark and Peacock announced that the top 100 UK companies currently have a combined pension deficit of £55 billion. Furthermore, the total of all existing UK pension schemes have a shortfall in their funding of around £300 billion. Add to that all the UK citizens (and new arrivals) who have made no pension provision at all. Britain's total pension deficit could now be in the region of £380 billion.



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The other 14 EU countries with their combined population of approximately 320 million have in some cases made very little provision, if at all, for their pensions. Their total pension under-funding has been estimated at £1500 billion, but could well be higher.

The EU Bankruptcy Club

This growing crisis is certainly not going to improve, as next May a further 10 countries will be joining our exclusive 'EU Bankruptcy Club'!

With a joint population of approximately 74 million nearly all of these new EU citizens (98.5% to be precise) are from former communist states. Their unemployment is still running at about 17% and regional polls suggest possibly 15 million will come to Western Europe to seek work.

Needless to say their pension funding is extremely low and very difficult for anyone to put a figure on. A deficit of £500 billion would be a reasonable guess, taking into account the size of their population.

This new EU bureaucratic mega state with a total population of 454 million, has an under-funding pension "black hole", somewhere in the region of £2380 billion. It also has a major demographic problem as highlighted in a report entitled "World Trade in the 21st Century" by the Institut Francais des Relations Internationales (IFRI). The EU's active working population will fall from the current 331 million to 243 million by 2050. They also forecast the EU share of world trade will fall from 22% to 12%. News from Germany, currently the world's third largest economy, isn't much better. It still just about accounts for one third of the Euro zone output. It is, however, now in deep recession with over 11% unemployed and rising.

The "one size fits all" Euro zone interest rate of, at present 2%, has largely been Germany's and now France's big economic

headache. To kick-start their economies back into production requires interest rates of 0.25% and 1% respectively which, of course, they cannot have. A three-fold increase in Germany's pension funding is required over the next 25 years just to keep pace with current levels. Given its present financial difficulty that is virtually impossible!

The fallacy of 'young migrant workers'

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, in its 2002 survey, tries to address some of the issues raised. It makes various justifications for tens of millions of migrant workers being allowed into the new enlarged EU, as most are very young. They will then take over the jobs of our ageing population and pay lots of taxes to pay for our pensions and eventually their own. A very plausible argument but fundamentally flawed on several counts.

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The vast majority of these third world migrants are, and have been for many years, a tremendous financial burden on their chosen host country, which, more often than not, will be "soft touch Britain". Many have no skills, speak very little English and have no real interest in fitting into our society. When some of them do eventually become trained for a job, it's usually a low paid unskilled one, or even in the growing non-tax paying black economy. Little tax, if any, is ever collected from these migrants.

The UN survey and most EU leaders have concluded that as their state pension kitties are empty, the age at which people become entitled to their pension must rise substantially. In other words, if you are lucky enough to still have a job, then carry on working until you are 70 or 75 years old! If, however, you are over 40 and cannot find work (that could apply to a possible 100 million EU citizens) then sorry; you'll just have to get by for the next 30 years or more! The anger of these people when they look around and see what others are getting, and how their once-loved countries are changing, will reach a point when Europe will start to blow apart!

**Brian Galloway was a former parliamentary candidate for the UK Independence Party.*



Architects' president says "shoot the white men"

by Philip Peters

LAST MONTH saw the launch of a so-called "Diverse City" exhibition at the Royal Institute of British Architects which highlighted women and ethnic minority architects.

George Ferguson, the institute's current President, said that one way to solve the supposed problem of not enough women and ethnic minorities in the profession in the short term was "to shoot some of the white men".

Although obviously said in jest (one hopes so anyway) it was in bad taste and it was just another stepping stone in a well orchestrated campaign over the last three years by a group calling itself 'Architects for Change'. This is an umbrella organisation for a number of self-appointed pressure groups which include The Society of Black Architects', founded by one Elsie Owusu OBE. The race industry is turning its attention to the architectural profession which Ms Owusu's group has condemned for being dominated by white, middle-aged men - a comment which is both racist and sexist, and under soon-to-be-introduced legislation in the onward march of the Big Brother state - ageist too. Unsurprisingly Ms. Owusu ratcheted up the rhetoric a notch further recently by calling the institution - wait for it - "institutionally racist" which she had the audacity to do in the Institute itself. Two weeks later the feminist 'Women in Architecture Group', another member of the 'Architects for Change' organisation, laid into the profession when it launched a biased piece of so-called research which accused the profession of "blatant misogyny" and "laddishness" amongst other things. Funded by a £10,000 grant from the RIBA (ie. from members' hard earned subscriptions) the report also complained of "wolf whistles and sexist comments" on buildings sites - *oh dear oh dear!*

Understandably, under the repressiveness of our society now, there has only been muted condemnation of all this from ordinary architects in the letters pages of the architectural press (those that have got past the PC editors anyway) but no doubt many are seething. They will have more to seeth about in coming months though, for the RIBA President is ominously on record as promising "action (from the institute) on individuals and employers to reverse this trend".

Watch this space!



'Parlez Vous Anglais?' 'A Little.'

EDWARD HATTON puts the case for the defence of the English language and English history*

A recent survey for *The Guardian* confirmed something about English nationalism that has been quite obvious for a long time. While the overwhelming majority of Scots and Welsh regard themselves as Scottish or Welsh respectively, almost half of English respondents would rather call themselves 'British.'

Compared to Scotland and Wales, there is very little in terms of national identity or national consciousness in England. Unlike the Scots, we do not have 'English' sections in our bookshops, nor do we display signs imploring people to 'Keep England tidy.' It is quite normal to see a St Andrews flag displayed outside a house in Old Aberdeen but someone displaying the St George's Cross in Lewes might well be accused of racism.

For anybody who thinks that the English nation is something worth preserving – let alone something of which we should be proud – these findings are somewhat alarming.

There are, of course, many reasons for this decline in national consciousness amongst the English and I intend to examine perhaps only a few of them. But I would submit that the most crucial reasons can be found in the English schooling system. Many would agree that after decades of tendentious teaching, people are losing their sense of English history. I would, however, go much further. That most basic tenet of national consciousness – having a national language – is increasingly absent amongst the English people.

There is clearly an increasing sense of national consciousness, particularly in Scotland. It is extremely rare to find references to Britain in Scottish tourist literature, for example. Scottishness is emphasised again and again. The movement for an independent Scotland is still significant north of the border and this has already been achieved, to a great extent, by the birth of the Scottish Parliament.

In England, the situation is somewhat different. In first place, it is always Britain that is referred to in England and rarely England itself. This is because England is clearly the dominant nation of the United Kingdom – in terms of numbers if nothing else – and, by extension, the dominant nation of the former Empire.

Britain's institutions of power were all in England – the economic base, the Parliament, the Monarchy.

With the fall of the Empire, the Scottish could easily retreat

into their old identity and be proud to be Scottish. This was not so easy for the English because Britain, essentially, was England and the Empire was, essentially, England's Empire – an Empire that included Scotland and Wales. So while the Scots knew who they were – resentful English subjects since 1707 with egalitarian Gaelic ideas – the English (British) were left with an identity crisis and the kind of vague images nostalgically cited by John Major – warm beer, cricket and so on.

We were taught History in a linear fashion up until the dawn of Britain – the eighteenth century. Thereafter, we were taught in politically motivated terms.

Our whole identity had been subsumed into Britishness and we were left ashamed to be English. Englishness meant the establishment – an Empire for which we must be contrite, a monarchy and an aristocracy.

This abject lack of English national pride has only been assisted by England's various schools. Aside from the contentious issue of race, shared history and shared language are two of the most important ways in which one ethnicity distinguishes itself from another. The English, in a sense, now lack a sense of either.

The Industrial Revolution

I left school in 1999 and my education, like most of my generation, reflected precisely this point. We were taught History in a linear fashion up until the dawn of Britain – the eighteenth century. Thereafter, we were taught in politically motivated terms. Our module on the Industrial Revolution, far from teaching us how it began in England (but by many Scottish engineers – Editor) and highlighting England's importance to the world, was effectively a Class War in the classroom. The Industrial Revolution uprooted the working-class and the factory conditions were Hellish. That was it.

Our modules on Nineteenth Century Political Reform and Slavery again painted the English ruling class as racist, classist despots without any attempt to empathise with the differing mentalities of the time. The Northern Ireland conflict was about Catholics being brutalised. We didn't even look at events like the Pub Bombings and finally, having learnt nothing about Walpole, Gladstone, Rhodes or the Popish Plot – we did a term on pre-Empire India.

Then came A-Level History, which should have been called Holocaust and Nazi Germany Studies. We were either taught foreign history or to be ashamed of our recent history and inculcated with various political points along the way.

But the teaching of English is potentially even more damaging to national identity. In my own case, and it is representative of state schools, we weren't really taught the English language at all. This kind of English teaching, I would suggest, has helped us reach a situation where England doesn't really have its own language.



Teachers today almost feel embarrassed when teaching English history and acknowledging our past achievements.



Beowulf is the oldest surviving epic in British literature. It is an Anglo-Saxon epic poem which relates the adventures of a warrior. The poem is about encountering the monstrous, defeating it, and then having to live on in the exhausted aftermath.

Other nations have their own languages that make them distinct nations. The Dutch speak Dutch. Many Dutch speak English as well but they have their own, special language. Dutch has numerous loan words from English and Spanish but it is still very distinct.

We, however, do not have a language which is separate from the lingua franca. This is because our language is a version of the lingua franca – American English. And as more and more Europeans learn American English, as we integrate increasingly with Europeans and as American culture becomes increasingly significant we, unlike the Dutch, are in danger of losing our distinct language.

The Dutch will always be bonded by Dutch, the Scottish by Gaelic or Scots – both of which are being actively revived and taught at school. But we will speak American English.

National consciousness evolves from a shared language such that one 'thinks' the nation. We are in danger of losing ours. Now, of course, language is in a constant state of evolution. But I am suggesting that if we wish to maintain our national identity we must control how our language changes in England. As such, Englishness can be maintained.

Our education system is helping to achieve the opposite. School pupils are taught to be very creative with English. They can understand and use onomatopoeia. However, they are taught nothing about English itself.

In Greece, pupils learn Ancient Greek at school. Here, we are taught nothing about the history of our language. Far from being taught Old English, we study an increasingly tiny bit of Shakespeare at GCSE (which is modern English anyway) and Chaucer (merely Middle English) is not even compulsory. Regarding Old English, most students probably haven't heard of Beowulf.

Again, unlike in Greece, we are not taught how our own language works. The nature of English Grammar is simply absent from the curriculum except at the most rudimentary level. And it is interesting to note that the grammatically incorrect phrase 'different to' has become common parlance as has, 'He's not here I don't think.'

Moreover, children are not really taught foreign languages anymore and as such that there is nothing for many people to compare their language to. Modern languages are no longer compulsory at GCSE and one is permitted to take a diction-

ary into the exam, necessitating no 'learning' at all. Finally, we are actually speaking the same language less and less.

England has always had a rich variety of dialects but, for a very long time, there has been one, accepted, correct English that we all speak or, at least, write. Now, however, primary school teachers are discouraged from correcting sloppy English because this is 'classist' and universities increasingly allow students to write in American English. There will probably continue to be one, dialect-ridden, written English but the result will be regional rather than national consciousness and, indeed, this is increasingly occurring.

English teaching ensures that English students are not bonded together by English, allowing it to be eroded by American. This reflects the agenda of a Labour Party who are totally unable to tolerate and aim to destroy English nationalism once and for all by dividing England up into a number of 'regions.'

Claim back our history and our language

If, then, we want to preserve the English nation we must claim back our history and our language. Students must of course be taught the full horrors of English history but, as in other countries, they must also be taught that there is far more to our history than that and they must be taught to understand people from the past.

They must also be taught the English language – its history, its various forms, its associated languages, its structure and its correct form. Only then, once English people realise the importance of their own history and possess their own distinct, bonding language can an English national consciousness develop once again.

The English have, like other nations, done things to be ashamed of but England has contributed a great deal and it is worth preserving. And one vital way we can achieve this is to teach, understand and most importantly speak and write OUR language. Then we'll start to 'think' English again.

Whilst those readers living in England will find much sympathy for Edward Hutton's argument we would remind him that we are not the English National Party, but the British National Party. Faced with the common threat of extinction we must beware of anything that is divisive for our British nation. – Editor

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Sustainable Energy Solutions for the Future Part 2:

In this three part series Anthony Holroyd shows why we should be looking at alternatives to oil based energy source, particularly from a Nationalist viewpoint. Here, he looks at all the various electricity sources. The first part was published in the August issue.

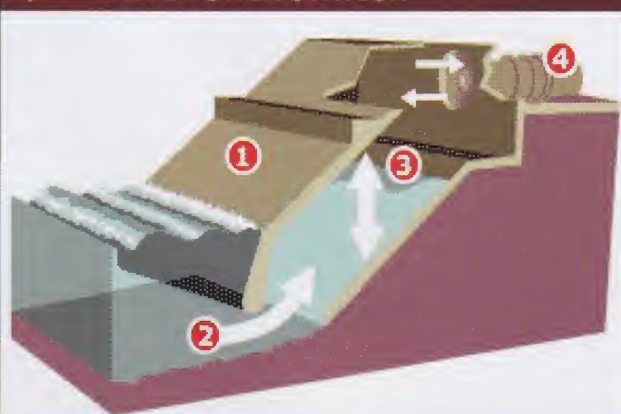
Renewable Energy – Problems and Possibilities

One of the greatest single advantages of electricity as a fuel and energy source is the diversity of means by which it can be produced. Many clean electric power sources are either available to us today, or will become available in the near future, as shown in the following main table.

| Energy Source | Description | Advantages | Potential Cost | Disadvantages |
|---------------|---|---|----------------|---|
| Wind Power | Kinetic energy of wind, harvested using a turbine. | Fully developed, low-carbon energy source. | HIGH | Diffuse and Intermittent. Requires a back-up power source. High visual impact. |
| Wave Power | Kinetic energy of waves compresses a trapped fluid, powering a turbine. | Low-carbon energy source, low visual impact. | | Diffuse and Intermittent. Requires a backup power source. |
| Solar Power | Solar energy converted into direct current using photovoltaic panel. | Low carbon energy source. Can be incorporated into existing structures. | VERY HIGH | Diffuse and Intermittent. Requires back-up power source. PV cells are very expensive. |
| Bio-gas | Domestic and agricultural waste converted to methane gas in a bioreactor. | Low-carbon energy source. Infrastructure in place. Ideal recycling scheme. | MEDIUM HIGH | Diffuse (equipment and labour intensive). |
| Tidal | Bays and estuaries are barraged to trap high-tide water. This is released through a turbine as tides recede. | Enormous potential carbon-free energy source. | HIGH | Would devastate the ecology of the bays and estuaries. Power loss at high tide. |
| Ocean Thermal | Utilises the temperature difference between the top and bottom of the oceans. Gaseous Ammonia drives a turbine. | Enormous potential carbon-free energy source. | HIGH | High transmission and construction costs. Only potentially useful in warm, equatorial seas. |
| Nuclear Power | A nuclear fission reactor generates heat, producing high-pressure steam, which turns a turbine. | Carbon-free energy source. Can be constructed almost anywhere and requires very little fuel. | MEDIUM | Safety concerns, long-term legacy of nuclear waste. Proliferation of nuclear technology would make it easier for rogue states to manufacture nuclear weapons. |
| Fusion | Nuclear fusion occurs within hyper-hot plasma, suspended in magnetic fields. | Carbon-free energy source. Offers the advantages of a nuclear reactor, without the disadvantages of nuclear waste or safety concerns. | MEDIUM HIGH | Although the technology is now fully developed, commercialising fusion is likely to be expensive. Fusion reactors are technologically complex machines. |

| Energy Source | Description | Advantages | Potential Cost | Disadvantages |
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| Satellite Power | A satellite in orbit harvests solar energy and converts it into electricity. This is transmitted to a ground based receiver station using microwaves. | Low-carbon source. Bypasses the diffusivity and intermittency problems of solar power. Potential to be a low-cost renewable source. Zero gravity environment means little maintenance. | LOW-HIGH | Undeveloped energy source. Must be manufactured in space, using space-based resources. Although long-term costs could potentially be low, initial investment costs are enormous. |
| Sea-based Wind | Wind turbines are constructed on the sea bed, reducing their environmental impact | Low-impact, low-carbon technology. | VERY HIGH | Intermittent and diffuse. Construction and transmission costs are twice as high as for land based wind energy. Harsh marine environment limits life of the turbines to 20 years. |
| Hydro Renewable | Wind, wave or solar power, is utilised to pump water into a dam. The water is then released through a set of turbines in a controllable way. | Carbon-free avoiding intermittency problems by storing energy in a reservoir. No river required, as seawater can be pumped. | VERY HIGH | Infrastructure costs are enormous, but once the dam is constructed, its life-time could be measured in centuries. |
| Hydropower | A river is dammed and the flowing water is directed through turbo-generators. | Power plants offer low maintenance costs and very long life times. Low carbon technology. | LOW | The tailing lake devastates the river ecosystem. Submerged vegetation decomposes to produce methane (a greenhouse gas). Hydropower is already close to maximum exploitation. |
| Ocean Current | Strong ocean currents are harnessed by underwater impellers, generating electricity. | Low-carbon energy source and less intermittent than wind or wave energy. | VERY HIGH | Undeveloped energy source. High infrastructure and transmission costs. Maintenance would be especially difficult. |

ISLAY WAVE POWER STATION



- ① Wave capture chamber set into rock face
- ② Tidal power forces water into chamber
- ③ Air alternately compressed and decompressed by "oscillating water column"
- ④ Rushes of air drive the Wells Turbine, creating power

RENEWABLE ENERGY sources such as wind, wave and solar power, are often put forward as being the most practical long-term solutions to our energy needs.

There are however, serious difficulties associated with the use of these energy sources. All of these energy sources are intermittent in their nature. The wind simply does not blow at the same strength on every day of the year. Clouds quite often obscure the sun, reducing the intensity of incident solar radiation by as much as 70%. For this reason, ground based renewable energy sources must be backed up 100% by conventional fossil fuel power plants. These plants must be built, maintained and kept fully manned at all times, regardless of how often they are actually used.

Conventional renewable energy sources, cannot therefore replace fossil fuel stations. They can reduce the fuel con-



sumption of these stations (thereby reducing carbon dioxide emissions) by replacing some of their output, but they cannot provide a global solution to the oil crises or global warming.

Ground based renewable energy suffers the additional problem of being diffuse. A relatively larger amount of equipment is needed to harness ground-based renewable energy, when compared to nuclear energy or fossil fuels. For example: a four loop pressurised water nuclear reactor is capable of producing 1250Mw of electric power. It would occupy a fairly small site of perhaps 80-100 acres. To produce the same amount of power using wind energy, approximately 2500, 0.5Mw turbines would be required. This is a relatively much larger amount of equipment and this has a very negative impact upon the economics of renewable energy. It would also need to cover literally thousands of square miles of land.



Wind Power - Turbines harvest the wind

These are not problems that can be overcome by any amount of investment or research. No amount of money can ensure that the wind will blow all the time. No amount of money can make the winds blow any stronger. It was the diffusivity and intermittency of wind that led to its abandonment as a means of propelling ships and grinding grain.

There are renewable energy sources that do not suffer from intermittency or diffusivity problems. Satellite power avoids the intermittency problems associated with clouds, bad weather and nighttime, by placing the solar power station in space, high above the Earth's atmosphere and out of its shadow.

Hydropower is both richly concentrated and completely controllable. Unfortunately, it is already close to being completely exploited. Geothermal power is energy rich, but is unavailable to most of the Earth's peoples. Tidal barrages could meet part of Britain's energy needs. But



Solar Power - Conversion panels in Italy

the cost of building such enormous structures is astronomically high and they would be environmentally devastating. Ocean thermal power is only useful in warm, tropical seas. The difficulties of building and maintaining the ocean power stations and transmitting their power to shore, are likely to make this an expensive energy source. And again, it is not available in Britain. Out of all of the energy options outlined above, Fusion, Satellite and Biogas power achieve the best compromise between cost, sustainability and environmental impact. These will be covered in the final part of this article. Nuclear reactors do not produce carbon dioxide and are not susceptible to the diffusivity or intermittency problems that plague most renewable sources. The French produce most of their electric power using nuclear reactors. Their electricity prices are roughly the same as our own. The problems associated with radioactive waste and nuclear proliferation reduce the attractiveness of nuclear power. At the very most, it should be looked upon as a short-term solution.



Hydropower - the Hoover Dam

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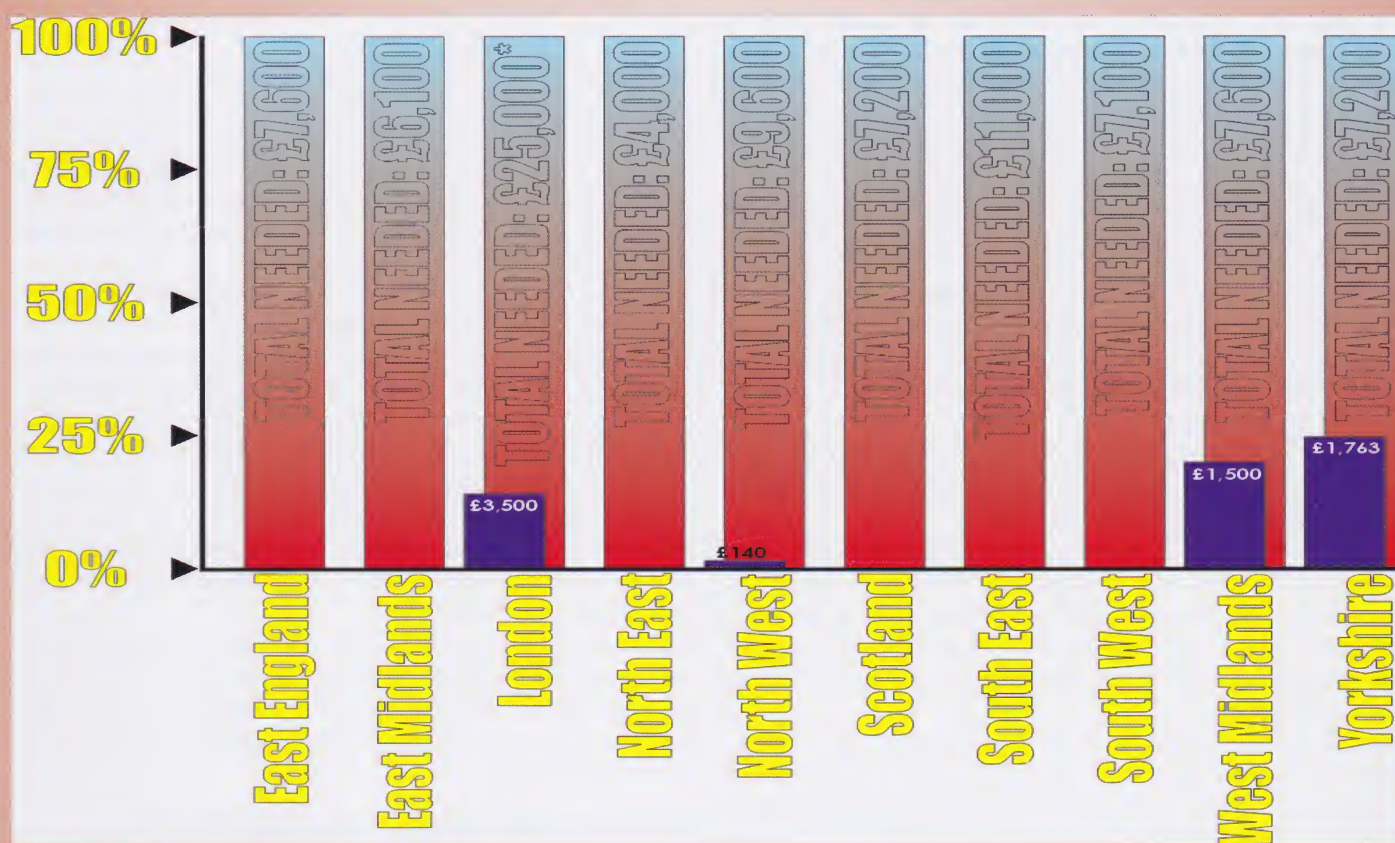
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John Bean's Nationalist Notebook

Sweden says 'No' . . . and Ireland regrets saying 'Yes'

THE crushing Swedish 'No' vote in rejecting the Euro may well prove to be the high-water mark of the drive to European Federalism, despite the bluster from Brussels that the Swedes face "costly isolation" from the united core of Europe.

One outcome is that the Swedish action has caused many in Ireland to now question the Irish establishment's propaganda that led the country's government to enter Euroland. Following the Swedish 'No' vote, the independent TV broadcaster TV3 conducted a phone-in poll to ascertain current public feelings. The question posed was: "Do you regret joining the Euro?" The fact that 89 per cent said 'Yes' reflected the fact that the Irish found that joining had led to a savage increase in inflation; it had not simplified trading with Continental Europe; and had led to excess taxes and VAT being imposed on many consumer goods. Now there are strong rumours that the Dutch – founder members of the European club – are about to reject the proposed European Constitution drafted by France's Giscard d'Estaing which aimed for complete and irreversible integration.

Yet Blair, Brown and the left-wing Liberal Democrats still intend to get us into the Euro, and without a referendum.

Voters worry most about immigration

One of the reasons for the demise of the UKIP and the rise of the BNP is that the former campaigns almost exclusively for Britain's withdrawal from the EC – and we support them on that.

However, immigration is a minor issue to them and has only been referred to in weasel words by the leadership who wish to distance themselves from the 'racist' BNP.

The effect of this on the public's mind is reflected in the results of a recent YouGov poll conducted for The Sun. It found that only six per cent focussed on the euro of the issues giving most concern to voters. Top of the list with 39 per cent was immigration and asylum while 32 per cent cited law and order and nine per cent terrorism.

Most interestingly eight out of 10 people said that the Government was "not tough enough" on asylum and immigration and 80 per cent agreed that "the problem of asylum seekers is out of control".



When it all started:
HMS Windrush
heralds the begin-
ning of large scale
immigration into
Britain.

Our American allies

Because we criticise some of the actions of the American Government and its controllers the BNP is not "anti-American" – in spite of certain trigger-happy, "friendly fire" incidents.

The descendants of the English, Scots, Welsh, Irish, French, German and Scandinavian pioneers who made that great nation

– and who will soon be in a minority – are under attack as much as we in Britain and Europe are. We are equally threatened with losing control of our own homelands.

I am glad to note that there are an increasing number of American websites and publications now standing up for the preservation of the people who founded that great nation – our true allies. It is a pity that the various American pro-white and patriotic groups could not take a leaf out of the BNP's book and get together, whilst ditching the extremists and head-bangers, to form a single opposition to the Democratic/Republican betrayal of original American interests.

Sunset time for the UKIP?

The trickle of former members of the UK Independence Party joining the BNP has now become a stream.

A former well placed active member tells us that the reason why their MEP Dr North has defected to the Tories was because he does not believe that the UKIP MEP group will exist after next June's elections. Apparently he loves the salary, expenses and lifestyle of Brussels and has "done a deal" with the Tories in a bid to retain it. His former boss, Nigel Farage MEP, is also believed to be engaged in negotiations with the Tories for exactly the same reason, which is said to be common knowledge within UKIP.

On top of this they sacked their National Treasurer last month but had to reinstate him following a threat from his solicitor. It is rumoured no donations except one have been reported to the Electoral Commission, in spite of the fact that there have been some sizeable donations. In addition the party could face bankruptcy after spending £107,000 on the council elections this year in Scotland and Wales (not England) when there had been an agreed budget of £50,000. In spite of this, they are still paying £40,000 a year to Dick Morris, the American political "Mr Fix-it" who looked after all Bill Clinton's requirements, to work two days a week for the UKIP.

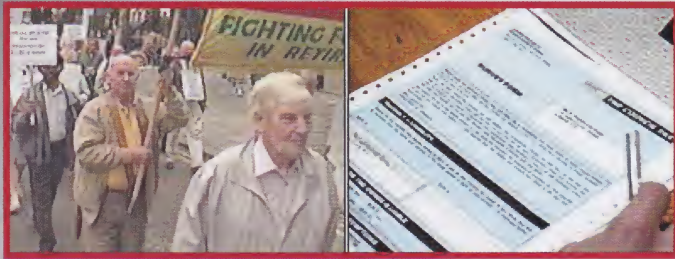
Just contrast the progress that the BNP has made on £10.46p – perhaps a little bit more! Hopefully, one or more of the UKIP's financial backers will now come over with the ex-members who are now joining us. We can guarantee a much better return on their investment!

Support the council tax rebellion!

UNLESS we wish to break the law, we cannot advise our readers to follow the example of some militant pensioners and refuse to pay your Council Tax increases. But we can say: "Bully for them!"

In addition to providing funding for such politically correct projects as social clubs for one-legged West Indian lesbians in our cities, and special classes for rural white children to learn the customs of Eskimos and Hottentots (very fashionable with Lib Dem Councils), the truth is that part of the rise in Council Taxes is down to the support given to asylum seekers. New Labour has, of course, always insisted that the money to pay for accommodation and the numerous other expenses of so-called asylum seekers by local councils would be met by Central Government funds from the Home Office, which is responsible for immigration and asylum issues.

Now the truth is out, certainly in Havering and it is expected to be followed in other council areas. Havering in Essex is a Tory controlled borough and they have just been told that there will



be a shortfall of £270,000 in the bill for asylum seekers as the Government cash from the National Asylum Service has been reduced. The council tax payer will, of course, pick up the tab. Unfortunately, under the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999 all councils have a duty to support asylum seekers who comply with qualifications set down by the Government. The easiest way out of the mess that is draining our pockets is to alter those qualifications so that they apply to genuine asylum seekers only, i.e. less than one per cent of the current claimants.

Contrary to many people's opinions, local business rates do not go to the local authority but are paid straight into central Government coffers. Now New Labour's thinking is to diminish the impending revolt against rising domestic council taxes by increasing the business rates. And what will this do? More closures of small businesses and local shops and rising profits for the supermarkets – after they have put their prices up. I've changed my mind. Perhaps we ought to support those naughty pensioners in their proposed revolt. The law is an ass and we are being taken for donkeys.

Early support for illegals

Alexander Chancellor, writing in his Diary column in the *Daily Telegraph* 22.09.03, stated that as editor of *The Spectator* in August 1979 he had published a piece by an eager young lawyer, attacking the Home Office's arbitrary powers to deport illegal immigrants. "The author's name was Anthony Blair."

This was before he became "Tony". He may have changed his name a bit, but he has't changed his policies on immigration. The so-called "arbitrary powers" were rushed through by Maggie Thatcher's first Government in order to show the public they "were doing something about immigration" and thereby take the wind out of the sails of the National Front. The NF of those days bore little resemblance to the movement of that name today and was still reasonably respectable. Take my word for it: I was one of its three founders.

Brave Trade Unionists

DELEGATES to last month's Trade Union Conference were surprised to receive a special leaflet, distributed mainly surreptitiously by volunteers from the UNISON and CWU unions.

Issued by the Trade Unionists Against Intimidation, the leaflet was headed "Trade Unions Must Defend Democracy". It exposed the Marxist leadership in several unions that was calling for the expulsion of members who had supported or voted for the British National Party. It pointed out:

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"Like them or not, the BNP are a legally registered political party within the British electoral system. Their members have the right to stand for public office and the British electorate have the right to support or condemn their policies through the ballot box.

"The campaign to exclude workers from their union on political grounds is being led by an extreme-left organisation called Searchlight."

Full details on some of the people behind Searchlight were given on the reverse side of the leaflet. Information from the Searchlight Victims Support Group, BM 4534, London WC1N 3XX.

Sex gangs 'Reaches across UK'

FOLLOWING our news page report in September on the Asians 'grooming' young schoolgirls in Keighley for sex, other equally distressing reports have reached us, which have hardly been commented upon in the national press.

A Rotherham mother told the Yorkshire Post that her 13-year-old daughter was repeatedly raped by a gang of Asian men cruising the streets of the West Yorkshire town. The girls fell victim to the men after they befriended her in Dinnington town centre, showered her with gifts and treated her to trips to a pub in their high-performance car. The teenager eventually reported the attacks to police but was too terrified to take the case to court for fear of abduction, her mother said.

Her family was warned by police it might have to move out of the area where it lives and assume a new identity to protect family members and the daughter.

The woman said she had heard of similar problems in Leicester, London and Birmingham. (Youth workers in Rotherham said similar groups of men were operating regionally and nationally, targeting vulnerable young girls and luring them into prostitution.)

"My daughter was raped four times in front of seven other men and she was terrified". The woman added. "They told her that if she told anyone what had happened they would kill us. The police told us it was rife but it is like hitting your head against a brick wall because of the fear factor.

"My daughter's attacker was arrested and told if he ever went near her he would be charged with harassment but that was as far as we could take it. We are seven months down the line now and my daughter is still having counselling. She has had to move schools because the girls she was going into town with are still seeing these men.

"It is a big problem but it is being brushed under the carpet. They are untouchable and nobody is prepared to go to court because they are too intimidated."

In cases where the girls are 13 or over, police are prevented from initiating criminal proceedings without a formal complaint. However, mothers in Keighley have united to press for a change in the law which would allow them to give evidence when they believe their daughters are at risk from sexual exploitation.

And what does New Labour say about this rape of the innocents? Keighley MP Ann Cryer said the problem arose from arranged marriages, with Asian men unable to have the same relationships with women as they witnessed among their peers. "A man – wishing to satisfy his own relationship with a woman – is largely only able to have a relationship with the most vulnerable of girls", she said.

Who would have thought we would have heard what was almost justification for rape – and even paedophilia – from a woman!

ARE WE REALLY A "MONGREL NATION"?

asks Steve Johnson

AS THE MULTIRACIAL society drowns in a sea of "asylum seekers", goes up in a blaze of Islamic fundamentalism, and generally falls apart, the political Establishment who foisted it upon us are having to defend their crumbling creation. In the face of growing rejection of multiracialism signalled by increasing BNP election wins, the Establishment is now beginning to woo a British public whose opinion on the matter it has neither asked nor, clearly, cared about for the last fifty years.

The first blast of this pro-multiracialist barrage was signalled by the broadcasting on the cable Discovery Channel in June of *Mongrel Nation*, in three one hour episodes fronted by the transvestite comedian and noted New Labour supporter Eddie Izzard. This is clearly the shape of things to come – crassly one-sided and weakly-argued propaganda fronted by C-list "celebs" in the hope that the British public will believe whatever a familiar face tells them and not look too closely at what they are actually saying. And what Mr Izzard is saying is cleverly-packaged nonsense.

Mr Izzard's argument, and presumably the line that his successors will follow, falls into two unrelated halves, descriptive and prescriptive. We are, and always have been, a multiracial society, a "mongrel nation" in Eddie Izzard's flattering phrase! And even if we aren't, we ought to become one. In Mr Izzard's own words "England is not becoming a multi-racial society – it always was one". And "Immigration is a force for good which adds to the richness and diversity of our lives".

Perceptive readers will already have spotted the cunning propaganda trick of splitting off part of the British nation in order to brainwash the whole. By focussing on "England", as this series does, you can portray the English as "mongrels" simply by dint of having an admixture of other British peoples such as Scots, Welsh, Ulster folk and Irish in them!

Past immigrants all north European

To persuade us that we, or at least the English amongst us, are "mongrels" Eddie Izzard advances an argument which would be almost entirely irrelevant even if it were entirely true. He devotes vast effort to telling us what we all ought already to know. That England has in the past received waves of immigration by Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans, plus some subsequent less numerically important groups such as Flemings and Huguenots. Mr Izzard recounts these waves of invasions with great gusto. Although he skates delicately over the fact

that most of these immigrants were most unwelcome here and were stoutly resisted by such of our national heroes as Boadicea, King Arthur, Alfred the Great and Hereward the Wake, heroes in whose footsteps we modern British nationalists are proud to tread.

All of this stirring stuff is utterly irrelevant however much of the ancestry of modern English people such pre-modern invaders actually comprise. Because they

were all Europeans, almost all North-West Europeans in fact, ethnically almost indistinguishable from each other and from modern indigenous English people. As is obvious if you think of lining up a new-born baby of all the ethnic groups involved. It would be impossible to tell which one was Norwegian, Danish, German or Norman French, or to distinguish any of these from an indigenous English baby. A newborn Indian, West Indian or Chinese baby on the other hand would stand out at a glance.

Many of the pre-20th Century "immigrants" (almost all armed invaders, actually) were quite few in number compared to the natives. Mr Izzard himself admits that the Norman Conquest involved only about 6000 Normans from just across the English Channel settling among and ruling well over a million English (those 'English' were mainly Anglo-Saxons and the Normans were direct descendants of the Vikings who settled in 'Normandy' – Editor). Hardly comparable with several million immensely more ethnically different Afro-Asians from the other side of the planet flooding in over recent decades, although clearly Mr Izzard hopes that his audience will not notice the difference in both quantity and quality!

He, or his scriptwriters, also evidently hope that in all their hours of talking about wave after wave of (until recently entirely European) immigrants we won't notice that they have actually edited out of their story the original native inhabitants of our homeland altogether! Quoth Our Eddie, launching the said tale: "The first people to really settle in England were the Celts. They arrived about 2500BC". Well, actually, they didn't – in 2500 BC the Urnfeld Culture, ancestral to the Hallstatt-La Tene Culture which is recognisably "Celtic" would not arise for several hundred years. And when it did it would be several hundred miles from England, in Central Europe. Celtic culture would not spread to England for a thousand years after that, almost certainly, archaeologists now believe by diffusion of culture and ideas rather than by any major invasion of "Celts" (who would have been Northern European anyway) as such.

More ridiculously as far as Mr Izzard's nonsensical narrative is concerned, the first people to "really settle in England" did so a lot longer ago than 2500BC. By which time Neolithic farming communities had covered England for over two thousand years. In 2500 BC the population of England was, and had long been, in the hundreds of thousands, the oldest parts of Stonehenge were already 600 years old, and the land was already scattered with dolmens and passage graves raised by its inhabitants centuries before that. Unless Mr Izzard thinks these were built by the fairies, of course!

For thousands of years before that again Mesolithic hunter-gatherers peopled England. As the extensive remains found at sites such as Starr Carr in Yorkshire attest. Ancient hunter-gatherers whose editing out from Mr Izzard's account of the make up of his "mongrel nation" is not matched by a similar absence from the ancestry of our actual English people. For example, a Mesolithic hunter who died around 7150 BC in Cheddar Gorge, Somerset, was recently found by Oxford University geneticists to be definitely among the direct ancestors of a representative modern inhabitant of the nearby village of Cheddar, local teacher Mr. Adrian Targett.

Even these ancient hunters are not the aboriginal bedrock on



Transvestite comedian and Labour supporter, Eddie Izzard, claims "Immigration is a force for good which adds to the richness and diversity of our lives".



Portrait of Lady Charlotte Fitzroy with her Indian pageboy

which our ancestry is built. At least 15,000 years ago, in a time so long ago that it has been named not by historians or archaeologists but by geologists, the Pleistocene, Paleolithic hunters came to our land. They did not come in boats, or canoes. They walked across an English Channel that was still dry land, into a land half of which was still a mile deep under glacial ice and the rest of which was Arctic tundra inhabited by great extinct beasts such as the mammoth. Twelve thousand years ago, at Cresswell Crags, Derbyshire, these Paleolithic hunters drew animals on the cave walls - the earliest English art. Others left flint tools and hunting weapons all over England - some, also from around 10,000 BC, have just been found near Norwich, for example. As modern genetic research has proved, they are among our ancestors.

What proportion of the ancestry of modern indigenous English people (and the rest of the British nation) goes back that far, and what is the result of later, but also almost entirely North-West European, waves of invaders is still uncertain. But the uniquely scientifically rigorous techniques of modern genetic analysis of DNA and RNA, of Y-chromosomes and mitochondria, are increasingly showing that it is looking more and more likely that much, maybe even most, of our ancestry goes back at least to the people Eddie Izzard forgot, the Neolithic farmers who were here from around 4800 BC on.* Some at least for all trueborn Britons - more it seems if you are Welsh, Irish or Highland Scots - goes back ten thousand years before that, to the Ice Age hunters who founded our nation. We are just not mongrels - our pedigree in these islands is extremely old.

The only point Mr Izzard makes that even could be relevant to his case, that if true could actually make our people even slightly a mongrel nation, concerns alleged pre-20th Century African immigration. The "Africans" he mentions coming here in Roman times are a red herring in this regard, because Roman "Africa" was Africa north of the Sahara, then peopled by Mediterranean Europeans rather than African Blacks. The Emperor Septimus Severus Mr Izzard mentions, born in Libya in 145 AD, would have looked more like a modern Italian than Robert Mugabe! In any case his only contribution to our history was that he happened to die in York - his sons then went back to rule in Rome. Some ethnically similar Roman soldiers, auxiliaries on

Hadrian's Wall etc., may have interbred with native Britons, but they were both few in number and just as European in race.

The pageboys, servants and slaves in 18th Century paintings of English scenes Eddie shows us, on the other hand, certainly were Black Africans and Indians. He then invites us to suppose that they must therefore have interbred with English people, although he can produce no evidence to support this. The geneticist Professor Steve Jones is wheeled on to speculate - which to his credit he honestly admits he is doing, with no factual basis - that "the proportion of Londoners with a Black ancestor is nearer to 100% than 0%". The truth is that he offers no evidence as to what percentage it is. Even were it as high as this suggestion, having one Black ancestor 200 years ago, 6 or 7 generations back, would make someone genetically 98% White, hardly a major dollop of the tar-brush! And of course until living memory most English people outside a few seaports never even saw, let alone interbred with, a Black or Asian person, so they are genetically 100% White regardless.

Interbreeding did not happen

But the evidence is that even in London and other seaports with Black populations 200 years ago, interbreeding did not happen. In fact, Black slaves and servants were discouraged, to put it mildly, from laying hands upon our women at all - social attitudes in the England of the day were far from liberal in such matters!

Most would have ended up shipped back to Africa, the West Indies, or America when they were no longer wanted here by their masters. Some did indeed try to stay in England, as did masterless Blacks arriving on ships at our ports. But from Elizabeth I's purge of "blackamoors" in 1596 to the forced repatriation of West Indians from Liverpool and Cardiff in 1919 there were repeated mass deportations of same by the authorities, who did not entirely share their modern counterparts' opinion as to their desirability as residents of our society!

Nonetheless it is true a few did manage to help Eddie Izzard's case by staying and interbreeding with the natives. In ports such as London, Liverpool and Cardiff they intermarried, or at least interbred with, the local Lumpenproletariat to form mixed-race underclass populations in ghettos such as Liverpool's Toxteth and Cardiff's Tiger Bay. Ghettos much older than the post Second World War immigration flood, and about the only place non-Whites found any sort of social acceptance. What happened was not, as Izzard suggests, that the trickle of Blacks and Asians entering Britain before 1948 simply dispersed and mingled with the general population. Instead they concentrated themselves in visibly non-White, mixed race ghettos in the seaports; whose populations generally have a lot more than one Black ancestor! If your ancestors don't come from one of those (looking in the mirror will probably tell you!), the chances are almost certain that your last African ancestor left Africa at least 40,000 years ago when modern humans moved into Europe. You are not a mongrel, and nor are you a member of a mongrel nation.

But should you become one in the future? In the second part of this article we shall look at whether the other half of the Establishment propaganda line peddled by Eddie Izzard is any truer than the first part. We may not always have been a multiracial society. But ought we to be glad to become one. Is Immigration good for you? Read the next issue to find out. Or, as many readers may well know the answer already, to find out how Eddie's arguments are wrong here too!

**A point that is being overlooked is that geneticists are finding that there is very little difference between the DNA of the Neolithic farmers and the subsequent Celtic and Germanic (i.e. Anglo-Saxons and Vikings) peoples. We were different tribes of a common race - Editor.*

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Pickles is an Onion!

Conservative MP Eric Pickles greeted the news of the election of David Exley to Kirklees Council with the comment - maybe prompted by his party's pathetic fourth place - that the BNP was 'pernicious'.

Now, my dictionary defines 'pernicious' as 'extremely destructive' from the Latin root of 'great slaughter'. Surely such an adjective applies better to Pickles' own party which during the Thatcher era presided over the destruction of - am I right - 23% of British industry? It's almost superfluous to record that most of what remains is now owned and run by foreign firms.

I would have thought that any fair-minded person could see that the BNP has some merits when compared with the established parties which have reduced most of this nation to a festering crime-ridden slum. Today, even lousy jobs like call centre work are gradually slipping away to India.

In addition, we have other, related delights such as the pensions black hole which means that on present trends most of those now in their prime will face grinding poverty in old age. Politicians of Pickles' generation enjoyed the benefits of free higher education, now gone due to their collective ineptitude and cowardice.

Was it the BNP that initiated the privatisation of the railways, a sleazy and costly process that has now cost

dozens of lives? Was it a BNP leader who made a long trip to Orkney in order to collect a six-figure cheque from oil man and con man Armand Hammer? Actually, the subject of that last rhetorical question is Margaret Thatcher, and that mysterious journey was recorded by Captain J.D. Fraser in the arch-Tory journal the *Daily Mail*. Pernicious my foot!

No, the real reason politicians like Pickles dislike the BNP so much is because the BNP has begun to 'rock the boat' of their comfortable and amoral existence. True democracy hardly exists in Britain - big business and the US dominate, and they handsomely reward those politicians who dance to their tune.

Perhaps he may think that the BNP is 'pernicious' due to its 'racism'. Well, at least we're opposed to the ignorant abuse of immigrants, probably more than can be said for the average Tory. I'm sure many of Mr. Pickles' acquaintances would come out with a stream of colourful insults after being suitably lubricated with whisky.

But it is ridiculous for New Labour or Tory politicians to complain about the BNP when THEY are responsible for rise of the party, largely because they have deprived too many people of hope for too long.

Mr. Pickles, you're an onion!

Ian Buckley
E-mail

Lord Justice, 'there's another world out here'

You may be interested in extracts from my recent letter to Lord Justice Sir Simon Brown.

"It appears that for the best part of the last 20 years you have declared every attempt at regulating the number of asylum seekers and refugees entering this country 'invalid', 'unlawful' or 'wrong'. These include efforts by the Home Office in 1999 to prosecute refugees travelling to this country on *false documents*.

At the end of my patience, I crossed my personal Rubicon and sought membership of the British National Party in April of this year. Although it was not my principal reason for joining, I knew beforehand that the BNP stood accused of 'playing on the public's fears' in connection with

the number of asylum seekers and refugees in this country in order to secure votes. I do not believe that accusation is warranted. I do believe, however, that the public's fears are justified. And in light of the revelations as to your professional stance on the subject, the source of their fears is becoming clear.

I see from your entry in *Who's Who* that you are a member of both the Garrick Club and Denham Golf Club. You are then someone who enjoys the finer things in life. I can picture you enjoying the company of your fashionable friends in the bar of either noble establishment. And I am willing to bet that your residence has first rate security protection, both electronic and physical. Oh yes, like your colleague, Lord Woolf, you can afford to take an indulgent view on life in this country today.

Well, permit me to enlighten you there is another world out here! I suggest you take a tour around this country and see just what effect your decisions are having on those of us living in today's equivalent of the First War trenches

Alan Hardy
Sunderland

More praise for the RWB

Congratulations on the success of the Red, White & Blue Festival. We travelled up from Hertfordshire and the family really enjoyed it. Perhaps next year you could have just a bit more for families which would make it even better, such as a bigger tent, rides, kids' entertainer, balloons, etc. These are not criticisms but just ideas picked up from visiting fetes, etc. As

The Origins of British Family Names - Part Two

By Stephen McDonald

I REMEMBER being involved in a televised BBC debate last year, during which a particularly vociferous member of an ethnic minority shouted across the studio to a elderly white haired gentleman that “if you go back more than 2 generations, you wouldn’t know who your father was”.

Needless to say, such a rude and inaccurate outburst was not dealt with by the show’s host! The young Pakistani was clearly ignorant of the fact that the British can boast of written records going back almost a millennium. Records are extant going back to parish registers of the 14th century; there are wills, court records, monastery diaries and trade books, harbour records and taxation documents. In addition we have the most definitive and earliest masterpiece of record keeping in Domesday Book, the Great Survey of 1086 (see ‘Identity March 2002)

Occupational surnames

Smith is the most common family name in a table of names from the British Isles. Taylor is 4th, Wright is 13th and Walker 16th. These were already in common usage at the start of the 13th century. The whole purpose of a second name was one of ensuring distinction, so that where many folk were involved in the same task they could not be distinguished from each other by occupational surnames.

For example, while one would expect many potters in Stoke and many cutlers in Sheffield the reverse is true. If a Staffordshire village had a dozen potters, all called William, Robert or Richard it would end in a hopeless and confusing situation. Equally while most of the English and Welsh of the Middle Ages were working on arable land there are very few occupational surnames that derive from such activity. The reason for this is that again there would have been far too many Maria Cornpicker’s or William Wheatgrower’s to make any sense.



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The changing pattern of crafts and industry is carved into the very names we now bear. Some echo long forgotten crafts. Collier is a name found all over England and not just in areas where coal mining was undertaken. This is not surprising because the name has nothing to do with mining but means “a charcoal burner”.

Jenner comes from someone who built military machines – an “engineer”. Corkers had nothing to do with cork but sold purple dye. The same trade or craft often had different words in different parts of the country. A Fuller was a craftsman who cleaned and prepared wool for dyeing. The same task was undertaken by a “Tucker” in south west England where the name is still commonplace. In the north east of England and southern Scotland, such a job was carried out by a Walker.

The badges of rank appointed to individuals throughout the medieval period can be traced in the likes of Freeman, Prior, Knight, Abbot, Constable. A reeve or shire-reeve was the name given to the early law enforcers in the shires (counties) from which surnames such as Reeve, Sheriff and Rives are derived.

Sadly for the many “Kings”, there is little chance of genuine royal ancestry. It was a nickname given to someone who played the part of a king in a village play or pageant, the same is true of Bishop, Prince and Lord.

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Returning to Smith, pity the poor Smiths (Smythes/Smyths) of today trying to trace their family roots. This is the single most common surname in the English speaking world. It derives from a worker of metal, usually in a forge, whether for agricultural, domestic, cosmetic or military purposes. Some earlier variations such as Goldsmith and the less common Whitesmith and Silversmith still survive but it is thought many of these variations became shortened to simply “Smith”.

Taffies and Jocks

Other means of distinguishing individuals in the growing towns and villages was by their own physical characteristics. Most work places, even in this age of political correctness have at least one “ginge” or a “spike”, a “slim”.

The jovial nickname “taffy” is rare in Wales and likewise “jock” is rare in Scotland. Nicknames are nothing new and in the Middle Ages, referring to someone by their obvious physical features such as the colour of their hair gave birth to the likes of Black/Blake, Brown, White/Whitehead, Grey, Read/Reid/Redman/Rust. Brady meant someone with a “broadeye”.

Political correctness was unheard of to the hard working people of the Middle Ages with their feet firmly on the ground, and they used some terms which we might find a bit coarse today. Kippen/Keepen meant a fat person and Topliss comes from Tiplady which apparently means a philanderer. The bearer of a child like face, “kin”, was either a term of amusement or endearment and thus we have the likes of Hawkins, Perkins, Hopkins and Watkins.

Similarities between people and the animal kingdom may have been less than complimentary. Chubb derives from someone who doubtless had a face like the fish. Cock was a common name given to a lad who strutted about like a chicken. Peacocks are not native British birds, but were imported for the decoration of manorial gardens. A “Peacock” was someone who adopted an arrogant manner. “Brock” is an old name for badger; amongst the rural communities they are not renowned for their personal hygiene!

The list could go on and on. There are about 35,000 different surnames in use in the British Isles today (this excludes those of post-war immigration from the Third World). Each one has a remarkable tale to tell about our forebears, how they lived and worked and about their mores and sense of humour. The names we bear define each one of us within our nation and give us a collective bonding to a common history back to the Middle Ages and beyond.

Next month, we will have a look at the influence of Irish and Scots Gaelic and Welsh languages.

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